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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraphs at page 9, line 11 through page 10, line 8, in the following manner:

~~The present invention was conceived in view of the above described problem in the prior art, and it is an object of the present invention to realize~~ In an aspect of this disclosure, there is provided an approach for high-speed, high-quality image reproduction by effectively correcting color difference in bidirectional recording operations, without causing the cost to go up or the speed to go down.

~~It is another object of the present invention~~ In another aspect of this disclosure, there is provided an approach to prevent leakage of electric charges caused by liquid droplets landing on a recording medium, while maintaining stable paper transport performance and the image quality reproduced on the recording medium high.

~~To achieve these objects~~ In another aspect of this disclosure, the amount of ink adhering to a recording medium is efficiently controlled so as to prevent at least one of color difference in bidirectional recording and leakage of electric charge occurring when using an electrostatic attraction belt.

In ~~[[one]]~~ another aspect of ~~the invention~~ this disclosure, an image reproducing and forming apparatus comprises a recording head configured to eject liquid droplets of at least one color and capable of bidirectional recording, and a controller configured to control an amount of liquid adhering to a recording paper so as to reduce color difference occurring in the bidirectional recording.

Please amend the paragraph at page 11, lines 9-17, in the following manner:

In another aspect of ~~the invention~~ this disclosure, a printer driver installed in a computer and configured to process image data to be supplied to an image reproducing and forming apparatus capable of bidirectional recording using a recording head for ejecting liquid droplets of at least one color onto a recording medium, is provided. The printer driver comprises a control unit configured to control

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the amount of liquid adhering to the recording medium so as to reduce color difference occurring in the bidirectional recording.

Please amend the paragraphs at page 12, lines 7-23, in the following manner:

In still another aspect of ~~the invention~~ this disclosure, a data processing apparatus for processing image data to be supplied to an image reproducing and forming apparatus capable of bidirectional recording using a recording head for ejecting liquid droplets of at least of one color onto a recording medium, is provided. In the data processing apparatus, the above-described printer driver is installed.

In yet another aspect of ~~the invention~~ this disclosure, an image reproducing and forming apparatus capable of preventing leakage of electric charge is provided. The image reproducing and forming apparatus comprises a transport mechanism configured to convey a recording medium by electrostatic attraction, an image recording unit configured to form an image on the recording medium by ejecting liquid droplets onto the recording medium, and a control unit configured to control the amount of liquid adhering to the recording medium so as to prevent leakage of electric charge from the recording medium.

Please amend the paragraphs at page 13, lines 19-22, in the following manner:

Other ~~objects~~ aspects, features, and advantages ~~of the present invention~~ will become more apparent from the following detailed description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which: